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1 AN ACT Relating to salmon labeling for human consumption; adding
2 new sections to chapter 69.04 RCW; and prescribing penalties.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to chapter 69.04 RCW
5 to read as follows:

6 Unless the context clearly requires otherwise, the definitions in
7 this section apply throughout sections 2 through 4 of this act.

8 (1) "Salmon" means all species of the genus *Oncorhynchus*, except
9 those classified as game fish in Title 77 RCW, and includes:

10	SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME
11	<i>Oncorhynchus tshawytscha</i>	Chinook salmon
12	<i>Oncorhynchus kisutch</i>	Coho salmon
13	<i>Oncorhynchus keta</i>	Chum salmon
14	<i>Oncorhynchus gorbuscha</i>	Pink salmon

1 Oncorhynchus nerka Sockeye salmon
2 Salmo salar (in other than Atlantic salmon
3 its landlocked form)

4 (2) "Commercially caught" means salmon harvested by commercial
5 fishers.

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 69.04 RCW
7 to read as follows:

8 No person may label, advertise, or offer for wholesale or retail
9 sale any fresh or frozen salmon food fish or cultured aquatic salmon
10 without identifying the species of salmon by its common name. A person
11 violating this section is guilty of misbranding under this chapter.

12 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 3.** A new section is added to chapter 69.04 RCW
13 to read as follows:

14 No person may label, advertise, or offer for wholesale or retail
15 sale any fresh or frozen:

16 (1) Private sector cultured aquatic salmon without identifying the
17 product as farm raised salmon; or

18 (2) Commercially caught salmon designated as food fish under Title
19 75 RCW without identifying the product as commercially caught salmon;
20 or

21 (3) Private sector cultured aquatic salmon or commercially caught
22 salmon without identifying the product as "domestic" or "imported,"
23 and, if caught or grown in Washington, as "Washington-caught" or
24 "Washington-grown."

25 A person violating this section is guilty of misbranding under this
26 chapter.

1 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 69.04 RCW
2 to read as follows:

3 To promote honesty and fair dealing for consumers, the director, in
4 consultation with the director of the department of fisheries, shall
5 adopt rules:

6 (1) Fixing and establishing a reasonable definition and standard of
7 identity for salmon for purposes of offering for sale, labeling and
8 advertising salmon; and

9 (2) Enforcing sections 2 and 3 of this act.